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S/N 10/715,686

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Onishi et al	Examiner:	Gibbs
Serial No.:	10/715,686	Group Art Unit:	2627
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Title:	IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND LIGHT CONDUCTOR USED FOR THE SAME		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.